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**Wisconsin's Presidential Teaching Award finalists
to be honored at 25th anniversary recognition ceremony**

2008 finalists to receive special introduction and honors

MADISON—This year's finalists for Presidential Teaching Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, along with finalists for the past 25 years, will be recognized at a noon ceremony Thursday at the State Capitol in Madison.

Mathematics teachers Rebecca Meyer of Valley View Elementary School in Menomonee Falls and Cheryl Wozniak of Richards Elementary School in Whitefish Bay and science teacher Karen Nesbit of Pleasant View Elementary School in Franklin will be honored as Wisconsin's 2008 state finalists. Teachers who were finalists for the program since its inception in 1983 also will be recognized.

Deputy State Superintendent Tony Evers will give the welcome. State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster's keynote address will emphasize the importance of recognizing excellence in mathematics and science teaching. The Whitefish Bay Middle School Eighth-Grade String Ensemble, under the direction of Kathryn Borghesani, will perform during the ceremony. The Presidential Teaching Awards program recognizes teachers for their contributions to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science. Additionally, awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of mathematics and science education.

A list of Presidential Teaching Award finalists from 1983 to 2008 is attached. Teachers are listed with the school where they were teaching when recognized as a Presidential Teaching Award finalist.

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WHAT: Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching
2008 Finalists and 25th Anniversary Recognition

WHEN: Noon, Thursday, November 20, 2008

WHERE: State Capitol Rotunda, Madison

Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

25th Anniversary Recognition — November 20, 2008

State Capitol Rotunda

Mathematics Finalists

James Adams
Chetek High School

Gail Alger
Wilson Middle School,
Appleton

Margaret August
Our Lady of Good Hope,
Milwaukee

Vicki Banta
Viroqua High School

Peter Barbella
East High School, Madison

Paul Becher #
Hadfield Elementary School,
Waukesha

Dean Berkas #
J.F. Luther Middle School,
Fort Atkinson

Nancy Berkas
Milton Middle School

Raymond Blum #
Spring Harbor Middle
School, Madison

Barbara Borgwardt
Galesville Elementary School

Gail Burrill #
Whitnall High School,
Greenfield

John Burrill #
Whitnall High School,
Greenfield

Wanda Bussey #
Rufus King High School,
Milwaukee

Joy Casperson
Roche-A-Cri Elementary
School, Arkdale

Sharon Clemens
Jim Falls Elementary School

Miriam Clifford #
Bay View High School,
Milwaukee

LeRoy Dalton *
West High School, Milwaukee

Bonita David
Howard Elementary School,
Green Bay

Ann Elling
Rocky Branch Elementary
School, River Falls

Arne Engebretsen *
Greendale High School

Judy Fadness #
Locust Lane Elementary
School, Eau Claire

Karen Falkner #
Lapham Elementary School,
Madison

Suzanne Folberg
Cherokee Heights Middle
School, Madison

Joseph Georgeson
Glen Hills Middle School,
Glendale

Joan Grampp #
South Division High School,
Milwaukee

Gary Grimm
East High School, West Bend

Nancy Jo Grochowski
Lincoln Center of the Arts,
Milwaukee

Jodean Grunow #
Dodgeville Middle School

James Guy #
Verona Area High School

Margaret Hartwig
Marshfield High School

Sharon Hauser
Gaston Elementary School,
Beloit

Louisa Havlik
Kegonsa Elementary School,
Stoughton

Faye Hilgart #
Blair-Taylor Middle School

Rosann Hollinger
Fritsche Middle School,
Milwaukee

Patrick Hopfensperger #
Homestead High School,
Mequon

Jane Howell #
Platteville Middle School

Cheryl Hoyt *
Kennedy Elementary School,
Madison

Dawn Hunter
Barrie Elementary School,
Fort Atkinson

Mazie Jenkins
Lincoln Elementary School,
Madison

David Johnson #
Nicolet High School, Glendale

Diana Kasbaum #
Eastside Elementary School,
Sun Prairie

Jeremy Kessenich
Mount Horeb High School

Karen Kinyon #
Franklin Elementary School,
Manitowoc

Kali Kocmoud
New Richmond High School

Henry Kranendonk #
Rufus King High School,
Milwaukee

Connie Laughlin #
Steffen Middle School,
Mequon

Gary Luck
Greendale High School

Debra Macks
Minocqua Elementary School

Jane Maki
Osceola Elementary School

Babette Merkert #
South High School, Waukesha

Wendy Meyer
Edgerton High School

Rebecca Meyer
Valley View Elementary
School, Menomonee Falls

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Elizabeth Muhvic
Bannach Elementary School,
Stevens Point

Robert Nelson #
Chippewa Falls High School

Delores Oemig
Watertown High School

Jo Olson
Toki Middle School, Madison

Claudia Pagelsdorf
Ben Franklin Elementary
School, Franklin

Michelle Parks
Northstar Middle School,
Eau Claire

Jane Patterson Mlenar
Fritsche Middle School,
Milwaukee

Carole Pitcel #
DeForest Middle School

Susan Popelka
River Falls High School

Audrey Reineck
Kilmer Alternative High
School, Milwaukee

Steven Reinhart #
Chippewa Falls Area
Middle School

Mary Richards
Manawa Elementary School

Mary Rosin
Lincoln High School,
Wisconsin Rapids

Beth Schefelker
Thoreau Elementary
School, Milwaukee

Debra Sirek
Hilltop Elementary, Rice Lake

Debbie Smieja
DeLong Junior High
School, Eau Claire

Kathleen Snyder
Southern Bluffs Elementary
School, La Crosse

Kenneth Steege #
Lincoln High School,
Manitowoc

Gunnard Swanson
Prairie View Elementary
School, Oregon

Patricia Tyunaitis #
New Holstein Elementary
School

Lorna Vazquez
Granton High School

Carol Wagner
Greenland Elementary
School, Oconomowoc

Astrid Wagner
Zablocki Elementary School,
Milwaukee

Harlan Weber
South High School,
Sheboygan

Peggy Wellens
Pioneer Elementary School,
Green Bay

Lori Williams
Jackson Elementary School,
Manitowoc

Kerri Wood
River Heights Elementary
School, Menomonie

Cheryl Wozniak
Richards Elementary School,
Whitefish Bay

Douglas Yost
Lincoln Elementary School,
Madison

Nan Youngerman
Crestwood Elementary
School, Madison

Science Finalists

Robert Anibas
Weyauwega-Fremont
Middle School

Nancy AufderHeide
Einstein Middle School,
Appleton

Ellen Baerman
Wisconsin Hills Elementary
School, Brookfield

Karl Beighley
Southwestern Wisconsin
Community Schools,
Hazel Green

Steven Bower
Waunakee High School

Sheila Briggs
Glendale Elementary School,
Madison

William Broniec
Case High School, Racine

William Carey
Memorial High School,
Madison

LeAnn Chase
Port Edwards
Elementary School

Jay Farnsworth
Waunakee Intermediate School

Mary Fassbender
Forest Park Middle School,
Franklin

Michael Felske
Nathan Hale High School,
West Allis

Jeanine Gelhaus
Medford Middle School

Diane Gerlach
Tremper High School,
Kenosha

Russell Gilbert
Soldiers Grove
Elementary School

Alan Ginsberg
Van Hise Elementary School,
Madison

Stephen Goding
McFarland High School

Jessie Good
Kohler Public Schools

Marilyn Hanson
Memorial High School,
Madison

John Harkness
West High School, Wausau

Elizabeth Ann Heindl
Mill Valley School, Muskego

Sr. Mary Gertrude Hennessey
St. Ann's School, Stoughton

Floyd Henschel
Beaver Dam Junior
High School

Sharon Hushek
Ben Franklin Elementary
School, Franklin

Susan Inkmann
Parkview Elementary School,
Cedarburg

James Jagler
South High School,
Sheboygan

Susan Johnson
Monona Grove High School

Curt Julian
East High School, Green Bay

Susan King
Cameron Elementary School

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Mark Klawiter Ladysmith High School	Ruth Paulson Cottage Grove Elementary School	Donald Tincer Washington Elementary School, Berlin
Dana Krejcarek Kohler High School	Joy Peterich Menekaunee Elementary School, Marinette	Dorothy Tonis Logan Senior High School, La Crosse
David Kreutz Burlington High School	Patrick Pfeiffer Monona Grove High School	Jeffrey Trentadue Banting Elementary School, Waukesha
Martha Kronholm Grove Elementary School, Wisconsin Rapids	Diane Purvis Menomonie High School	Paul Tweed Augusta High School
Kathleen Larson Woodland Elementary School, Barron	Jeanne Radke Schulte Elementary School, Sturtevant	Ellen Van Pay Martin Luther King Elementary School, Green Bay
Kathryn Lee Muir Elementary School, Madison	Lynn Raley Platteville Middle School	Roger Vander Velden Kaukauna High School
Hazel Lockett Kagel Elementary School, Milwaukee	Linda Roberts Armitage Academy, Kenosha	Donald Vincent West High School, Madison
Jeanne Lundquist * Spring Valley High School	Sharon Ryan Rib Mountain School, Wausau	Mark Wagler Randall Elementary School, Madison
Ruth McHorney Immaculate Conception School, Eau Claire	Barbara Salvo Park High School, Racine	Gari Walz Dodgeville High School
Karen Mesmer Baraboo Junior High School	Lawrence Scheckel Tomah Senior High School	Wendy Weiner Parkview Elementary School, Milwaukee
Edward Mueller Shattuck Junior High School, Neenah	Judy Schmidt Oak Creek High School	John Whitsett Central High School, La Crosse
Sharon Nelson Waunakee High School	James Schmitt North High School, Eau Claire	Susan Whitsett Fond du Lac High School
Candace Nerge Crestwood Elementary School, Madison	Marian Schraufnagel Mukwonago High School	Mary Jo Ziegler Badger Elementary School, Appleton
Karen Nesbit Pleasant View Elementary School, Franklin	Susan Sewell Columbus Middle School	Jay Zimmerman Central High School, Brookfield
Eldora Ondrus Colfax Elementary School	Allan Stawicki Morse Middle School, Milwaukee	Frank Zuerner * Memorial High School, Madison
Bruce Oxley Arbor Vitae-Woodruff Elementary School	Steven Stevenoski Mercer School	
	Rhulene Swanigan Kluge Elementary School, Milwaukee	

NOTES: Teachers are listed with the school where they were teaching when recognized as a Presidential Teaching Award finalist. Those listed with an asterisk (*) are deceased. Those with a number sign (#) have retired.
